



Club Chatter

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

From the President's Desk:

The Centennial Open: NLBC's second open tournament of the season was a successful event even though we had a couple of last minute changes that could have been hard to overcome. But thanks to Vernie Dawkin for stepping in to save the Courtenay team, and thanks to Tricia Higgs for showing up in whites even though she wasn't scheduled to bowl, all went off without a hitch. There were many comments from visiting competitors about the great condition of the green, and the general good hospitality of the Nanaimo club. Thanks go out to everyone who volunteered to make the weekend a success.

National Bowls Day: Irene Toulouse has been working very hard to organize our Open House and anniversary celebration event on June 2. This is the second annual National Bowls Day, and we are hoping that the event this year will surpass the success we had with the ParticipAction event staged in 2017. It will be a double celebration this year because we are also celebrating our 95th anniversary. Visitors will be able to try lawn bowling and we hope to recruit new members to our sport. Funds raised at last week's silent auction will go towards providing free hamburgers or hot dogs to all visitors who try lawn bowling (and to club members).

NLBC Website: Lorne Freed has been our webmaster for several years and has done a wonderfully professional job of it. He now informs us that due to health concerns he must curtail commitments that add stress to his life and he can no longer continue as NLBC's webmaster. The club was fortunate to have his expertise and we appreciate the contribution he made. In addition to administrating the website, he was responsible for ensuring that photographers were on hand at all tournaments. We will miss Lorne but hope to see him from time to time as his health improves.

Fortunately, Shirley Phillips started working on the website with Lorne during the winter months, and will carry on with webmaster duties. However, Shirley has a lot on her plate and web work will require a bit of a learning curve. While she is up for the job, she could use some help. If there is anyone among our membership who has website expertise and would like to volunteer their time, please get in touch with Shirley at shirley.phillips@shaw.ca

From the Games Committee:

Last weekend, we held our Centennial Mixed Fours Open tournament. While the registration was lower than in previous years (16 teams), the tournament went extremely well thanks to the continued help of so many volunteers, including the Games Committee, the Kitchen Ladies, Canteen, 50/50 draw, and not to forget the extremely hard work of the Greens Crew (including the setup crews).

The tournament was hosted by Frances Tester with scoring by Frances, John and Margaret. Umpires: Rod Tester and Joyce Mitchell. Winners were as follows:

First Place: **Courtenay LBC**
Dick Divine
Peter Harding
Shelley McCollum
Melie Ursolum

Second Place: **Qualicum LBC**
Bob Findlay
Joyce Findlay
Pam Coward
Joe Randazzo

Third Place: **Qualicum LBC**
John Wilson
Jane Nielsen
Bryan Olson
Zuitka Hundley

Fourth Place: **Parksville LBC**
Pat Kelly
Carol Barr
Fay St. Marie
Jim Barr

Fifth Place: **Nanaimo LBC**
Vern Hagstrom
Lorane Martin
Darlene Opacic
George Opacic

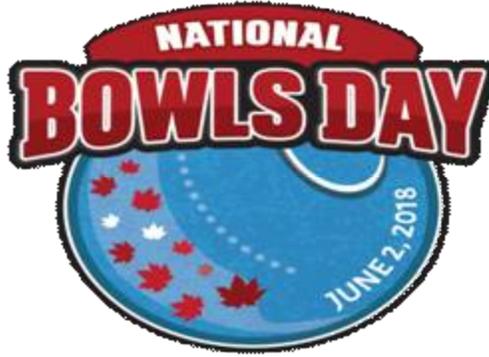
Please note that there is a signup sheet in the Club House for the Wheaton Ladies' Pairs event scheduled for June 3rd. To date we only have 6 ladies registered and unless we get a significant increase in this number before Friday, we will postpone the event until later in the season.

Interclub: The signup sheet for Interclub is now up on the board at the club. The first event is Monday, June 11, at Nanaimo. Please sign up asap so that we can be sure to have 6 players for each event.

FRIDAY NITE FUN NIGHT:

Please note: this Friday we will hold the first SKILLS Night. Please have your tags in by 6:15. \$1 for prizes, coffee and goodies.

Donn Sherry.



Don't forget everyone, National Bowls Day is this Saturday, June 2nd, and we are also celebrating our club's 95th Anniversary! Come dress up in 1920's fashion and register for our best costume contest. Prizes will be awarded for best male & female costume. The prize is \$19.23 each.

There will be a registration table set up at the entrance for both free lessons for newcomers, and registration for the 1920's costume contest for members only. The judging criteria are mentioned below.

We are anticipating some great weather ahead and we hope to get another great turn out as we did last year. Everyone is welcome to attend, bring a friend along. There will be free lawn bowling lessons provided as well as fun on the green for our members. A BBQ is being planned, so we are in need of 2 barbeque grillers and a few volunteers.

If you can help out this Saturday, please let me know as soon as possible. toulousei@shaw.ca.

Thank you, and hope to see you all on Saturday!

Judging criteria

There will be 3 mystery judges. Here are the judging criteria.
Best male & female costume winners will be awarded \$19.23 each.

Contestant's name: _____

Quality: 5 points score: _____

What we look at: If your costume is handmade or store bought, we look at the stitching, material and fit. Handmade costumes get a bonus on this category. If you have compiled your costume from things found around the house, we look at how you have modified them, how you paired them and how creative you were. We also take into account, wig styling and make-up.

Accuracy: 5 points score: _____

What we look at: We will be checking how faithful your costume, hair, make-up and props are to the character you're cosplaying as.

Presentation 5 points score: _____

What we look at: The goal of cosplay is to look as much like your character as possible, this includes body motions and phrases you say. Those who act in character will score higher than those who do not.

Effort 5 points score: _____

What we look at: We will try and determine how hard each person had to work to complete his costume, find a rare prop, style the appropriate wig or do his make-up.

Total points: _____

Congratulations Team BC and our very own Jason Valchar!
Winners of the Inter Provincial Championship against Team Alberta
held May 25-27, 2018



Team BC:

Josephine Lee, Carah Webster, Sierra Trueman, Lynda Robbins, Ann Van Bastelaere, Jason Valchar, Hirendra Bhartu, Stephan Yung, Christie Graham, Trevor Birrell, Davie Mathie and Lynn Chwartacki (not pictured)

Speaker Series

The **Measuring Workshop** is perfect for all, and especially Thirds and Markers who are normally responsible for this task. Rod Tester, our head umpire, will be delivering this informative evening. The date is this Wednesday, May 30 (not June as I erroneously put on the poster – my apologies if I mislead anyone). Please email shirley.phillips@shaw.ca as soon as possible, as Rod will need to know numbers for handouts. Deadline is Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Practice and Skill Development

In addition to working with new bowlers Wednesday afternoons, Coaches are on hand to practice skills with any member who would like to do bowling drills and exercises. Come find out what 'The Vortex' is or 'Crack an Egg'. Drop by at 1:30 p.m.

Ray of Sunshine

If you know of a fellow member who is not well, or has recently suffered a bereavement, please let our secretary know so that she can send a message on behalf of the Club. Email: shirley.phillips@shaw.ca

Situations Vacant

Seeking talented members for the following:

Webmaster

Do you have website maintenance skills? Do you like having your finger on the pulse? Then come join the website team. Contact Shirley Phillips.

Clubhouse

Do you have an eye for detail? Do you like things looking "tickety-boo"? Then you would be perfect for ensuring the clubhouse looks at its best at all times. Contact Bernice Urbaniak.

Home bakers

Do you enjoy creating tasty treats, but don't want to consume all those calories yourself? Kath and her crew would appreciate all donations, especially for open tournaments when visiting Clubs are on site. Arrangements could be made for the supply of ingredients if you get into this in a serious way. Contact Kathleen Hewitt.

Kitchen helpers

Two hours of your time from time to time would be very much appreciated on tournament days to prepare refreshments for the players. Many hands make light work. And think of the satisfaction you will feel! Contact Kathleen Hewitt.

Photographers

If photography is your thing, then come and join our team of photographers who capture the fun on the green for submission to our website. Contact Adrian Hewitt.

Grounds

If lawn maintenance is a passion for you, or perhaps making/repairing items is more your style, then consider joining Darrell and his team. Contact Darrell Chapman.

Historian

Interested in history? Have a passion for capturing the past? The history of our Club needs updating and ongoing maintenance, so you could be just the person to do that. Contact Bernice Urbaniak.

Dates to remember:

VIP Bowling	Tuesdays – play begins at 9:30 am
Men's League	Tuesdays – tags in by 1:15 pm
Ladies League	Wednesdays – tags in by 9:15 am
Mona's Thursday Morning Draw	Thursdays – tags in by 9:15, play begins 9:30

Friday Nite Fun Night
Tea & Bowls

Fridays – tags in by 6:15 pm
Sundays – tags in by 1:15 pm (if no tournament)

June 2	National Bowls Day, 95 th Anniversary	Nanaimo	10:00 am
June 2/3	Berwick Comox Valley Mixed Scotch Pairs	Courtenay	
June 3	Wheaton Trophy – Women’s Pairs	Nanaimo	9:00 am
June 5	Central Saanich Exchange	Nanaimo	9:00 am
June 17	H&M Jones Club Mixed Pairs	Nanaimo	9:00 am
June 20/21	Berwick on the Lake 60+ Mixed Fours	Nanaimo	9:45/10:00 am
June 22/23/24	Quality Foods Mixed Pairs	Parksville	
June 30	Margaret Robinson Memorial Wmn’s Triples	Nanaimo	9:00 am